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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OBTAINING AND MAINTAINING HIGH-RESISTANCE SEALS IN PATCH CLAMP RECORDINGS

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I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on PTO-1449, attached hereto.

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a. X Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

b. Copies of references submitted in parent application, to which priority is claimed under 35 USC § 120.

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a. _____ No certification; therefore, a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

or

b. _____ See the certification below. No fee is required.

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b. _____ no item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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a. after the mailing date of a Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113

b. see certificate above

c. a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 CFR §1.17(p)

d. applicant hereby petitions that this Information Disclosure Statement is considered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d).

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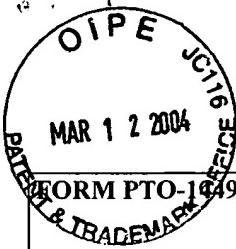
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UNITED STATES PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	2002/0074227 A1	6/20/2002	Nisch et al.	204	450	10/26/2001
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	BA	WO 00/20554	4/13/2000	PCT			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

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